SRCC South River City Citizens

Austin City Council City Hall 301 W 2nd St Austin, TX 78701

July 8, 2012

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing you to express South River City Citizens' opposition to the alcoholic beverage ordinance waiver that has been requested by Speedy Stop Food Stores for their store located at 1320 East Oltorf Street (Case #: SPC-2012-0068AW). Our membership voted unanimously in our June 2012 General Meeting to oppose this waiver and we hope that you will see this case as we do.

Speedy Stop's Oltorf store is well within 300 feet of not only Travis High School's campus, but also Faith Presbyterian Church which operates a full-day day-care facility at their location. In the past, the proximity to both these facilities made it clear to Council that the previous owner's waiver request should be denied and we believe nothing has changed that would make it reasonable to reverse this prior decision. We believe the intent of this ordinance was to protect the safety and well-being of the children attending our schools and day-cares and, therefore, a waiver is not in the best interests of anyone in our community.

We hope that you will consider the students at Travis High School, the children that attend Faith Presbyterian's day-care, and all of their concerned parents when considering this waiver. It is hard for us to imagine any "hardship" imposed by this ordinance that would outweigh the protection it provides to the youth in our community.

Sincerely,

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